

GULF COAST BREEZE.

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LOCAL

Col. Nat Walker is in Tallahassee this week on legal business.

Dr. Hunt left Sunday for a business trip to Tallahassee.

The first white frost and ice of the season came Saturday night.

Mr. Luther Tucker, of Mack, was here last week attending the big meeting.

A handsome two story residence is being erected at Sopchoppy station, for Mr. H. D. Landers.

One wild goose and 22 ducks were killed to day by Messrs R. B. Council and J. J. Harrell.

Some of Mr. Joe M. Allens sugar cane was weighed, and the stalks weighed 7 pounds each.

Mr. Tom Syfret of the Sopchoppy district has finished his new residence and moved into it last week.

A handsome law office for Col. Nat R. Walker, is being erected on his lot West of the court house.

Simon Hines says that he has killed with his dogs this season, nine foxes, four coons, and one wild cat.

The big tent was crowded Sunday with people from all over this county and many from adjoining counties.

Eleven foxes have been caught around Crawfordville this season, and the hunters are still catching them.

Reverends Quattlebaum and Taylor left Wednesday for Woodville where they will open a big meeting tomorrow.

A pretty little baby girl arrived Tuesday night to bless the home of Sheriff H. N. Walker, and he is all smiles now.

Twenty seven barrels and a half of good syrup were made this season by Mr. Silas Allen on a little patch 55yds wide by 135 long.

The county Commissioners and school board were in regular session Monday and transacted their usual routine of business.

Wakulla can beat the world on turnips. Mr. W. M. Moody has some that measure two feet nine inches in circumference and weigh nine pounds each.

Miss Helen Macon and Mr. Ralph Causseaux, Miss Florida Walker and Reverends Quattlebaum and Taylor enjoyed a days outing at Shell Point Tuesday.

The trial of Milton Farmer, charged with assault and attempt to murder, resulted in acquittal. The evidence being that he cut George Henry in self defense.

Wakulla county will be sweet for the next twelve months. There has been syrup enough made in this county this season to float a steam boat on the Wakulla river.

Quarterly meeting at Union church last Saturday and Sunday, was well attended and was warmed up by Reverends Weir and Gray. Two new members were taken in.

Those who have seen the sugar cane of Mr. John E. Houston, of Sopchoppy, say that it beats all the records. It is equal to that grown on the rich bottoms of Louisiana.

The Big Meeting.

The big tent meeting conducted by Reverends Quattlebaum and Taylor, closed here Sunday night with a grand accession to the church.

17 new converts were taken in and one joined by letter.

Long will these two good men be remembered in Crawfordville. They have stirred up a stronger feeling of religion than has been felt here in many years. Their conversions were not confined to women and children, but included all sorts, and among them were some of the hardest cases in the community.

There was a general warming up of those who were already members of the church, and the power and influence of the Mighty Spirit spread over all the community and was felt and enjoyed by many a sinner who did not join the church, but firmly resolved to do better in the future.

A great spiritual blessing has been poured out on Crawfordville and every citizen rejoices that it came.

Our Sentiments.

The preachers have gone. They have affected a great deal of good in our small community. We do not know which of them perpetrated a sarcastic epigram concerning the fair sex, or whether it was especially directed against Crawfordville, but one of them, probably Brother Taylor, is reported to have said: "I want to see the young women less 'up-to-date,' and the older ones less 'up-to-snuff.'"

Potatoes and Shade Trees.

A shade seems not to interfere with the growing of sweet potatoes. Fine yellow yams weighing from three to five pounds each were dug yesterday under the large oak and hickory trees in Col. McLeod's field, fronting on Tallahassee street. The largest of them were found growing close up to the root of the trees. They seemed to grow best under the hickory trees.

Burned To Death.

Warren, the little four year-old son of Hon. W. C. Rouse, while playing around a fire in the yard last Tuesday morning, caught on fire and was so seriously burned that he died Thursday night. He was a bright little fellow and the only son. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved parents.

Beautiful Palmetto.

A wagon load of palmetto trees passed through town yesterday, to be set out on Mr. Hall's place in Leon county. Having ornamented the grounds of the Hotel, Panacea with these beautiful trees, Mr. Hall has now turned his attention to beautifying his country home in Leon.

The citizens of Crawfordville threw wide open their doors to visitors to the big meeting, and every house in town was crowded, but all were cared for. No visitor was allowed to sleep out, or to go away hungry.

Mr. H. C. Crawford, of Tallahassee, was among his Crawfordville friends Saturday and Sunday. He came down to look after his property interest in this county and to arrange some sales.

Dr. Hall has instructed Col McLeod to bring suit on the accounts placed in his hands for collection, if not paid at once as he needs his money.

I lead and never follow in low prices.
F. W. Duval.

Cupid At The Meeting.

Mrs. Daisy M. Mosely of Aucilla, and Mr. W. B. Taylor, of Greenville, were happily united in marriage last Sunday afternoon at the residence of their mutual friend, Col. R. Don McLeod, in this place.

The bride is the youngest daughter, of Rev. J. S. Barnett, and has been here for two weeks or more visiting friends and assisting the choir at the big tent meeting. The groom is a railroad engineer. He is the youngest son of the late W. B. Taylor, who was a prominent lawyer of Live Oak.

He had come over Saturday to attend the big meeting, and to see Mrs. Mosely whom he had previously met and fallen in love with.

Finding his love reciprocated, Mr. Taylor decided to get married at once and go home prepared to keep house. He was not long in finding Judge Giles who issued the license and then came up to Col McLeod's and tied the knot that made the twain one.

The bride and groom remained in Crawfordville, receiving congratulations and visiting friends until Tuesday morning when they left for Aucilla.

Wild Duck Shooting.

Wild duck shooting on our Gulf coast has been fine this season, but the ducks are getting shy now. Mr. Willie Walker has been slaughtering them at the rate of a dozen at a single shot. He recently bagged 25 at two shots from a single barrel gun, they were all large English ducks and very fat. Mr. H. C. Crawford who shoots for sport only, bagged 25 one evening last week, shooting only one at a time. He put out his decoys, took a seat in the tall grass on a camp stool, kept his pointer dog by his side and got them all without wetting his feet.

Fox Hunting.

In the fox chase Monday night were 11 persons and 13 dogs. The fox was an extra large old fellow and did some artful dodging, but did not climb. He took refuge once under Eli Gavin's barn, and jumped on his puppy in the yard. The chase ended in catching the fox in Col McLeod's field. Sheriff Walker was the first to reach the conflict, but Col. McLeod rushed in and cut off the tail while the dogs were shaking him.

Fixing Him Up.

We are glad to learn that about enough money has been raised for Rev. W. A. Wier to settle up his store account for the year and fix him up for conference. If not enough, the balance it is hoped will be contributed within the next few days, and Crawfordville's minister can go to conference, with a light heart and a bright face.

A wagon load of large speckle trout, caught with a hook and line were brought into market to day by Capt. Trull. We saw him sell two for 15 cents, one weighed ten pounds the other five.

Work on the building for the graded school has started up again. Mr. Pigott, the contractor, having finished boiling syrup, will push it rapidly on to completion now.

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Gave Up Pistols and Money.

A crowd of Hilliardville negroes claim that they were held up at the point of a revolver and robbed, a few nights ago, by Raymond Hicks and another negro whose name they did not give. Five dollars, they claim, was taken from one, four from another, and smaller amounts and a pistol was taken from each of the others. How two negroes could hold up and rob about a dozen others, all of whom were armed with pistols, is not explained. The two negroes charged with the robbery are both missing, and it is claimed they were chased into a swamp. There is something a little mysterious about this affair, and it may yet develop that a gambling game was at the bottom of the whole thing.

Bracelet Lost.

A gold plated chain bracelet, given to little Miss Zonie Giles by her father as a birthday present, was lost this week somewhere about the court house grounds. The finder will confer a great favor and receive the everlasting good will of a little girl by returning it to W. W. Walker's store.

FAIR NOTICE.

Dr. T. J. Hall needs his money, and has placed his accounts in my hands for collection. Those indebted to him will please call on me at once and make settlement or satisfactory arrangements, and save further cost.

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